

SENATE RESOLUTION 61
By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to commend Toby Dale Sells for exemplary
service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Toby Dale Sells is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Clabough, Vice Chairman of the Senate Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture Committee, and Secretary of the Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee; Mr. Sells' work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and for the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student from Murfreesboro, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Sells has achieved academic success, even as he has participated in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, he brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, Mr. Sells has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, including frequently attending committee meetings and Sessions, following certain pieces of legislation, answering and following up on Senator Clabough's constituent class, and analyzing the status of bills; and

WHEREAS, he worked diligently against all obstacles to help make events successful for leadership groups that came to Nashville from Blount County, and he was an informative and interesting tour guide to these groups and to the Future Career and Community Leaders of America; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Sells crunched numbers for a most important survey, with the help of pizza and friends; and

WHEREAS, having worked with newspapers since he was seventeen has enabled him to be more proficient in his internship; he began working as an ad designer, photographer, and columnist at the *Overton County News* in 1997, and in 1999 he began to work as a reporter and photographer for *The Rutherford Courier*, a subsidiary for Murfreesboro's *Daily News Journal*; and

WHEREAS, his stellar legislative duties aside, Mr. Sells has a great interest in photography, and he appreciates all forms of music; he also enjoys engaging in honest though sometimes brutal conversation with friends and occasionally telling bad jokes; and

WHEREAS, for his charming personality, he was elected "The Wittiest" by his intern peers; and

WHEREAS, Toby Dale Sells has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Toby Dale Sells for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Clabough and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.